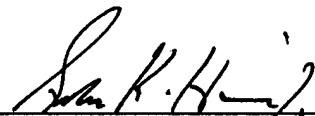


The enclosure is believed to moot the rejection of claims 1-13 of the captioned application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,586 B2.

Claims 1-13 are now believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgement of which is requested.

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